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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the Microsoft antitrust case settling. Three years of litigation is enough.

In my opinion, this lawsuit should never have been filed against Microsoft. Despite this belief, I would like to see the Court approve the settlement agreement that the parties worked hard to negotiate. Any threat of future anti-competitive behavior should be dispelled by the terms of the settlement agreement. Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against those who promote or distribute programs that compete with Windows. They also agreed to a uniform price list for the largest computer manufacturers. Beyond the terms of the settlement agreement, nothing further should be required of Microsoft.

Little will be gained by continuing to litigate this case. I applaud your efforts to resolve the lawsuit.

I've enclosed my address and phone number, in the event that you would like to contact me.

Respectfully,


Louise Anderson